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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Michel Andre Bachmann
Application No.: 10/653,807 Confirmation No.: 4512
Filed : September 3, 2003
For : CLOSURE SYSTEM FOR SURGICAL RING
Group Art Unit : 3731
Examiner : Michael G. Mendoza

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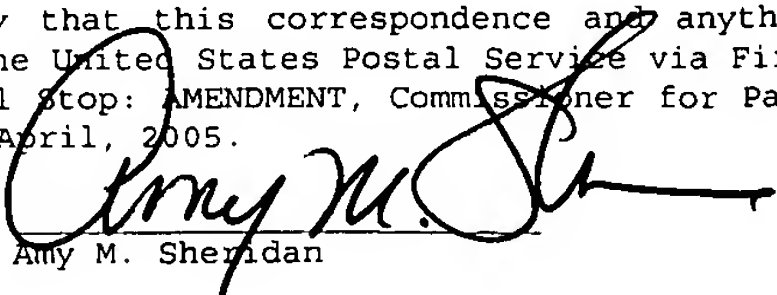
Sir:

A one month extension of time in which to respond to the Office action dated December 29, 2004, is respectfully requested, thereby extending the time for response until April 29, 2005, inclusive. A check in the amount of \$240.00 is enclosed for the fees required for a one month extension, small entity status, and Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed under 37 CFR 1.17(p). Authorization to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-2298 in an amount appropriate for eleven (11) excess claims and one (1) excess independent claim, is enclosed herewith. Responsive to the aforementioned Office action, applicants make the following amendments and remarks:

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I hereby certify that this correspondence and anything being referred to as enclosed herein is being deposited with the United States Postal Service via First Class Mail with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop: AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 28th day of April, 2005.

Signature:


Amy M. Sheridan